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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Benjamin L. MARGOLIS, et al.**

Title: ***Methods For Treatment Or Diagnosis Of Diseases Or Disorders
Associated With An Apb Domain***

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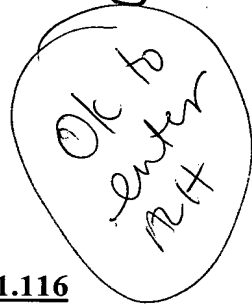
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002, the due date for response having been extended two months to December 2, 2002, and then as a result of filing a Notice of Appeal on December 2, 2002, further extending the date for response to February 2, 2003, which is a Sunday, thus extending the date for a timely response to Monday, February 3, 2003. It is believed that no further fees are due, however, should additional fees be necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claim 26 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

26. (Amended) A method for altering signal transduction in an APB domain-containing signal transduction pathway comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic agent which decreases binding between an